

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 2, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 8/15/00)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** CHIP Transitional Funding Request

### **Background**

The Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Greater Williamsburg is a prevention program that works to improve the health, potential and quality of life of children birth to age six. CHIP of Greater Williamsburg is a private, non-profit agency that is part of the CHIP of Virginia statewide network.

CHIP concerns itself with three primary issues:

- Assure access to primary health care services to provide a “medical home” for the child and family
- Services to improve the health status of CHIP children through case management;
- Services to promote parental involvement and family self-sufficiency

CHIP of Greater Williamsburg is funded by the Virginia General Assembly, a contract with CHIP of Virginia and various grant funds. Prior to this fiscal year, CHIP was a subordinate function of the Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corporation (WAMAC), which operates the Olde Towne Medical Center (OTMC). Under this arrangement, WAMAC provided office space, administration/supervision and a variety of support functions. Budget considerations resulted in a WAMAC decision to discontinue those activities.

### **Current Issue**

As the Board may recall, CHIP of Greater Williamsburg submitted a request for \$5,000 in the budget preparations for FY2001. The request was for funds that would assist in the CHIP transition from WAMAC support to independent status. This was received after the budget was prepared and while the Board was already well into deliberations on the draft.

In considering this issue, the Board chose to:

- reduce the County’s contribution to WAMAC by \$5,000 recognizing that CHIP was no longer a service provided by that agency and
- direct staff to obtain additional information regarding CHIP services to York County residents in order to appropriately weigh the merits of the request.

### **Recommendation**

Staff from Community Services and Financial & Management Departments obtained and reviewed the CHIP information that indicates 26 children from 14 families are currently being served. Although CHIP provides some services to York, it appears to be a provider of far greater importance to the governmental agencies in Williamsburg and James City County. However, this funding request is relatively small and is not on going, but is for transition purposes only. If the Board desires to approve this, it will be necessary to take these funds from the contingency reserves.

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Attachment:

- Contingency Reserve Summary
- Resolution R00-133